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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s Interim 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This Interim FTIP was adopted by the MTC on October 23, 2002.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) amend this Interim FTIP into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This Interim FTIP has been found to be financially constrained. An updated FSTIP Financial Plan Summary is enclosed. Projects included in this Interim FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved and are shown for information only. This Interim FTIP is not currently in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the MTC to support timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs). This Interim FTIP is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The MTC prepared this Interim FTIP under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff,
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Sincerely,



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